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ON THE
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OF
THE TIPPERA STATE

FOR THE YEAR

1323 T. E.

(1913—14 A.D.)



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RESOLUTION
ON THE
Administration Report of the State,
FOR THE YEAR 1323 T. E.
(CORRESPONDING TO 1913 14)

Read the Report on the General Administration of the State and the attached Zemindaries, dated the 21st June 1914, as submitted by Rajkumar Brajendra Kishore Deb Barman, Minister of the State. ,

Cognizant as His Highness has always been of the true devotion of his beloved subjects to his person and Government, he has been deeply touched with the Minister's reference to the spontaneous manifestation of loyal sympathy among all sections of the people, on the occasion of Her Highness the *Iswari*'s death. It is this expression of popular good will that supplies the mournful event with a silver lining, and in it His Highness takes refuge for consolation in his great bereavement.

In an annual review of the affairs of the Administration the most important change of the year deserves foremost mention. His Highness agrees that Rajkumar Navadvip Chandra's retirement from service may well be regarded as a misfortune to the State, for the only redeeming feature whereof one must turn to the arrangement that has been found practicable, which without grudging the Rajkumar his well earned repose, admits of his valuable advice being availed of, in all matters of moment ; while the appointment of Rajkumar Brajendra Kishore as his successor, indicates a continuity of the policy of His Highness's Government, and affords room for great expectations.

His Highness is sorry to find that the year under report with its abnormal weather conditions and consequent failure of Joom crops, aggravated as the situation was by heavy floods and rat pest, proved so very unpropitious to the hillmen that they had to be relieved by gratuitous help and advances. As His Highness remarked in the previous year, the only permanent cure for distress among these simple and improvident children of the soil lies in winning them over to a more settled life, and in persuading them to take to plough cultivation in the place of the primitive system of *Jooming* they follow. His Highness would place on record his appreciation of the services rendered by all officers in combating the evil.

The unseasonable climatic conditions in the hills were not without their effect upon the finances of the State, and His Highness is sorry that the failure of the cotton crop materially affected the revenue. The gross income in the State thus stood at Rs. 10,36,123 against Rs. 11,06,606 of

the previous year, and Rs. 10,47,356, the quinquennial average. It is however a satisfactory feature of the case that all the more stable sources of income showed steady increase, and that, for the total decrease of the year amounting to Rs. 70,483, the necessarily fluctuating head of "tax on cotton and oilseeds" was solely responsible, accounting as it did, for a decline of as much as Rs. 90,710. The gross receipts in the Zemindaries were however more satisfactory and they came up to Rs. 10,21,429 against Rs. 9,55,640 of the preceding year, the result being that the excess of Rs. 65,789 over the previous year's figure, with better collections under head "revenue deposits" in the State, more than made up for the falling off in cotton tax. The financial statement is thus fairly satisfactory, and His Highness is glad that as much as Rs. 3,48,759 could be paid in liquidation of debts, against Rs. 3,35,025 of the year before—and that, in the face of increased expenditure incurred on several counts.

Coming to the section of land revenue administration in the State, His Highness finds that there was a net increase of Rs. 14,438 in the current demand, of which Rs. 11,438 was on account of *Khasmehal jotes*. The re-settlement operations of the year brought on a prospective increase of Rs. 9,809 to the revenue, against Rs. 8,982 of the previous year. The heavy arrear demand which presumably includes amounts quite irrecoverable should, in His Highness's opinion, be carefully scrutinized and all fictitious amounts determined and written off.

The percentage of land revenue collection shows a slight improvement being 71·72 against 71, though His Highness is inclined to think that the figure is far below the mark even now.

His Highness is pleased to notice that an attempt was made during the year to formulate a definite policy and initiate reforms in the administration of the Forests in the State. Necessarily there is ample scope for work in this direction, and as His Highness pointed out once before, a vigorous pursuit of a well thought of scheme for the development of this most important source of revenue may after all prove a true solvent for the financial difficulties that now stand in the way of many a measure of improvement. His Highness would await the settlement of the complications now experienced in the Langai Valley regarding the export of forest produce.

As compared with the previous year, the Police section shows an increase in the percentage of conviction as well as in that of the recovery of stolen property. There was, however, some falling off in the percentage of charge sheets without a corresponding rise in the number of false cases, and unless there is an explanation of this state of things—and no explanation appears in the report—the result of investigations can not be considered quite up to the mark.

Administration of Justice.

Public Instruction.

The Kumars.

Public works.

The Conference.

ORDERED

THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE MINISTER OF THE STATE FOR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION

AGARTALA,
The 12th July 1914.

By order of His Highness

(Sd.) *W. K. D. Barman,*
Private Secretary.

Dated, Agartala, the 21st June, 1914.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report on the General Administration of the State and the attached Zemindaries for the year 1323 T.E., extending from the 14th April 1913 to the 13th April 1914.

I have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'S

Most obedient servant,

Brajendra Kishore Deb Barman,

Minister.

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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION

OF

THE TIPPERA STATE

FOR

1323 T. E. (1913-14.)

CHAPTER I—GENERAL AND POLITICAL.

Area of the State—4,086 sq. miles.

Population—2,29,613.

Gross Revenue (based on the average of the previous five years)—

(a) State	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 10,47,356
(b) Zemindaries	..	...	..	...	...	Rs. 9,41,932

Tribute—Nil.

Ruler of the State—His Highness The Bisama-Samara-Bijoyee Mahamahodaya Pancha-Srijukta Raja Birendrakishore Dev Barman Manikya Bahadur. *Age*—31 years. *Caste*—Kshatriya (of the Lunar race).

Heir—Sri-la Srijukta BirBikramkishore Dev Barman, Jubaraj Goswami Bahadur

A very sad event of the year, demanding foremost notice, was the death of Her Highness *Iswari* Soumendra Rajlakshmi Mahadevi, which took place on the 17th *Aswin* 1323 T.E. = 4th October 1913. As mentioned in the Administration Report for 1320, Her late Highness was a daughter of Maharajadhiraj-kumar Narendra Bikram Saha of the Nepal Ruling family. Within the brief span of three years of her stay in the State following her marriage with His Highness in August 1910, the noble lady's many qualities of the head and heart had endeared her name to all, and as might be expected, the melancholy event caused profound sorrow and evoked a deep outburst of loyalty all round.

2. The only other notable event in the Raj family was the birth of a son to His Highness on the 26th *Pous* = 11th January 1914.

3. His Highness paid two short visits to Calcutta during the year under report—once for the treatment of the late lamented *Iswari*, from the 31st *Asarh* = 15th July, to the 18th *Sraban* = 3rd August 1913, and again in connection with some important affairs of the State, from the 5th *Falgun* = 17th February 1914, to the 20th *Falgun* = 4th March following. During the second visit His Highness met His Excellency the Governor of Bengal.

4. There were, besides, extensive tours in the interior, extending for nearly 3 months, from the 14th *Kartik* = 31st October 1913, to the 5th *Magh* = 18th January 1914, in the course of which His Highness was pleased to visit as many as three Divisions of the State, namely Sonamura, Udaipur and Bilania. In the last two places *Khedda* operations were arranged which His Highness personally superintended.

5. The most important administrative change of the year consisted in the retirement, owing to advanced age and continued ill-health, of Raj-kumar Navadvip Chandra Dev Varma, from the high office of Minister, and my appointment, thereupon, as his successor on the 28th *Falgun* = 12th March 1914. A widely respected member of the Raj family and an able administrator with a life-long experience of the State, the Rajkumar was a faithful and wise counsellor to His Highness, the loss of whose services can never be made up in the near future.

6. Captain R. C. B. Williams, who continued to be the Political Agent of the State, visited six of the Divisions in the interior during the year, *viz.*, Sonamura, Kailashahat, Dharmanagar, Khowai, Udaipur and Sabrum.

7. In February 1914, Babu Abhay Kumar Guha M. A., B. L., Officer in charge of the Revenue Department, met Mr. W. F. Perree, Conservator of Forests, Assam, in the Langai valley, and discussed various important matters chiefly in connection with the export of forest produce from the State, down the Langai river. The peculiar position of the State and British forests along that river has been a source of complications, and it is hoped that the meeting between these officers will go a great way to improve the existing situation.

8. A Conference of the leading Officials of the State was held towards the close of the year, under the presidency of the Minister, Rajkumar Navadvip Chandra Dev Varma. The proceedings lasted for 5 days from the 27th *Falgun* = 11th March, to the 1st *Chait* = 15th March 1914, and altogether 73 subjects were discussed. Some of the recommendations of the Conference have already been given effect to.

9. The Amatya Sava was chiefly engaged in exercising its legislative function and examining certain Bills that were at the Committee stage. One of these came up before a meeting of the Sava with the report of the select Committee and was passed into law.

10. The late Minister had to be away from head-quarters for nearly 5 months of the year partly on account of ill-health and partly on duty. During his absence the charge remained with Babu Bijoy Kumar Sen M. A., B. L., Dewan.

CHAPTER II—LAND ADMINISTRATION.

11. As detailed in the accompanying table, the total area under settlement at the close of the year was 382 sq. miles, against 371 and 355 respectively of the preceding two years.

Kinds of settlement.	Area in square miles.		Increase	Decrease.
	1323 T.E.	1322 T.E.		
<i>Jotes</i>	171	163	8	—
<i>Taluks</i>	211	208	3	—
Total	382	371	11	—

12. The average *jama* per *kani* exclusive of cesses in *khas mehal jotes* was *as.* 15 *p.* 3 against *as.* 15 *p.* 4 and *as.* 15 *p.* 9 respectively of the previous two years, while that in *taluks* was *as.* 4 *p.* 2 against *as.* 4 *p.* 1 and *as.* 4. The maximum and minimum rates were Rs. 5-13-6 and *as.* 2 per *kani* for *jotes*, and Rs. 1/1 and *as.* 2 respectively for *taluks*. Rs. 5-13-6, however, is not an usual rate and represents the settlement of a piece of land of very advantageous position for special purposes.

13. The different sources of the current land revenue demand are given in the subjoined statement —

Sources.	1323 T.E.	1322 T.E.
<i>Taluks</i>	Rs. 87,471	Rs. 85,169
<i>Khasmehal jotes</i>	„ 2,61,669	„ 2,50,231
<i>Bazars</i>	„ 6,433	„ 6,101
Cesses	„ 21,755	„ 21,329
Total	„ 3,77,268	„ 3,62,830

14. The current demand was thus Rs. 3,77,268 against Rs. 3,62,830, the increase of Rs. 14,438 being, as in the previous year, principally due to settlement and re-settlement operations, as well as to assessments on settled land on the expiry of the initial revenue-free period. The arrear demand was Rs. 3,49,209, the total land revenue demand of the year being thus Rs. 7,26,477 against Rs. 6,97,782. A sum of Rs. 2,945 out of the arrear demand was written off during the year.

15. The collection under the head amounted to Rs. 3,57,362 against Rs. 3,39,581, Rs. 2,70,611 of which represents realisation of the current and Rs. 86,751 that of the arrear demand. In regard to the current demand the percentage of collection was 71.72 against 71 and 73 of the previous two years. There is no doubt further room for improvement in this respect.

16. Altogether 3,798 certificate cases, covering an aggregate land revenue demand of Rs. 1,16,334, were dealt with by the several original Revenue Courts during the year against Rs. 3,659 and Rs. 1,27,489 respectively, the corresponding figures for the previous year. The total amount recovered under the procedure was Rs. 40,025 against Rs. 55,707. The percentage of recovery was comparatively small but it is feared that by far the greater part of the demand under certificates was irrecoverable. 30 *Taluks* came in under the operation of the sunset law during the year against 19 of the previous year.

17. The results of the re-survey operations of the year are tabulated below :—

Names of Divisions.	Quantity of land in <i>drones</i> surveyed in 1323 T. E.			Quantity of land in <i>drones</i> surveyed in 1322 T. E.			REMARKS.
	Taluki land.	Khas mehal land.	Total.	Taluki land.	Khas mehal land.	Total	
1. Sadar Division .	374	1,937	2,311	174	599	773	
2. Kailashahar „ .	29	23	52	312	—	312	
3. Sonamura „ ...	36	607	643	—	1,293	1,293	
4. Bilonia „ ...	96	664	760	53	178	231	
5. Khawai „ ...	53	43	96	—	55	55	
6. Dharmanagar „ ..	—	36	36	13	46	59	
7. Udaipur „ ..	1,498	—	1,498	28	413	441	
8. Sabroom „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL ..	2,086	3,310	5,396	580	2,584	3,164	

18. The results of settlement operations are shown in the following statement :—

Nature of Settlement	1323 T. E.		1322 T. E.		REMARKS.
	Area in <i>drones</i> .	<i>Jama</i> in whole rupees.	Area in <i>drones</i> .	<i>Jama</i> in whole rupees.	
1. Permanent <i>taluki</i> settlement of cultivated land ...	—	—	7	26 *	
2. Permanent <i>taluki</i> settlement of waste land ...	85	*555	342	2,165	
3. <i>Taskhichi taluki</i> settlement of cultivated land ...	.04	36	—	—	
4. <i>Jotedari</i> re-settlement of cultivated land ...	1,429	26,597	1,351	26,780	
5. <i>Jotedari</i> settlement of waste land.	994	6,595	1,262	7,891	
TOTAL ...	2,508 04	33,783	2,962	36,862	

* Shows settlement of land within *Taluks* found in excess of the original grants.

19. In connection with a scheme for the improvement of the Capital-town, 10 small *tashkhichi* or limited *taluki* grants were allowed in the Agartala Bazar on condition of the grantees erecting buildings of approved plan on their lands, within a specified time. The *jama* of these grants was enhanceable at a fixed rate at the end of every 25 years.

20. The average *jama* per *kani* secured in *jotedari* settlement of waste land was *as.* 6 *p.* 8, as against *as.* 6 *p.* 3 and *as.* 7 *p.* 2 respectively of the preceding two years. The maximum rate obtained was Rs. 5 *as.* 13 *p.* 6 against Rs. 2 *as.* 12, and the minimum, *as.* 2 against *as.* 3. No *taluki* settlement was granted during the year. A *jama* of Rs. 555 was obtained on account of 85 drones of land found within the ambits of certain *taluks* in excess of the original grants.

21. The average rate per *kani* secured in *jotedari* re-settlement was Re. 1 *as.* 2 *p.* 7 only against Re. 1 *as.* 3 *p.* 9 and *as.* 15 *p.* 4 respectively of the preceding two years. A net increase of Rs. 9,809 in the demand was obtained by the operations against Rs. 8,982 of the previous year.

22. The total expenditure incurred in survey and settlement operations was Rs. 5,381 against Rs. 7,942.

CHAPTER III—PROTECTION.

I. Legislation.

23. The following Bills were introduced into the State Council during the year under report :—

Laws

- (i) An Act for the amendment of the Revenue Sale Law.
- (ii) An Act for destruction of old useless records.
- (iii) Stamp Act
- (iv) A Regulation for revision of Family Tax.
- (v) A Regulation regarding transfer of permanent interests to non-State subjects.
- (vi) Gambling Act.

24. The first two Bills were passed and received the sanction of His Highness, the rest being entrusted to a select committee.

25. The following Rules and Regulations were issued by the several Departments legally authorised on this behalf, and received the force of law under the provisions of the Acts concerned .—

- (i) Survey and Settlement Rules.
- (ii) Rules regarding the lease of *Baniati Mahals*.
- (iii) Rules regarding the arrest of men in Military Service committing cognizable offences.
- (iv) Arms Rules.
- (v) Rules defining the relations between the Jail authorities and the Military guards deputed in Jails.
- (vi) Forest Rules.
- (vii) Rules regarding the levy of *Kajiana*.

II. Military.

26. The subjoined table shows the strength, distribution, and occupation of the Military force of the State at the close of the year :—

Number.			Regiments.		POSTING.				Occupation.	Equipment.	Discipline.
					Sadar.		Mufassil.				
Officers	Men	Total.	Infantry.	Cavalry.	Officer.	Men.	Officer.	Men.			
35	179	214	1	...	27	131	8	48	Guard duty generally	With swords, bayonets, Breech and Muzzle loaders.	Good.

27. Two officers and two men died during the year and 23 vacancies occurred in the rank and file otherwise. The total strength about the beginning of the year was thus 241.

28. The State band consisted, as before, of one band master and 16 men.

29. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 29,208 against Rs. 32,494. The difference was due to casual expenditure incurred in the previous year on account of new uniforms purchased.

III. Police.

30. There was no change in the total Police strength during the year which continued to be 331 as before. The ratio to population was thus 1 to 694 and that to area 1 to 12.3 square miles. 163 men of the force were literate against 150.

31. The aggregate number of offences reported was 725 against 814 of the preceding year. There was a slight falling off in the percentage of charge-sheets with a perceptible decline in the ratio of true cases to reported offences. The Superintendent of Police notices a decrease in the number of offences against property also, ascribing the change to the institution of some bad livelihood cases in the border districts in co-operation with the local British Police. The results of investigations are summarised below :—

Number of offences reported		
725		
Investigation refused	Investigated during the year	Pending
15	681	29
True	Maliciously false	Miscellaneous
406	64	(Doubtful, mistake of fact or law &c.)
Charge-sheets		211
192	Not sent up	
(or 47.2 percent against 50.77)	214	

32. The total number of arrests during the year was 379 against 541, and that of persons sent up for trial, 356 against 500 of the previous year. Of the number sent up, 56 were acquitted on compromise, 2 escaped, and 3 died, while 64

remained pending at the close of the year under report. The number of persons actually brought to trial was thus, 231 against 425, of whom 197 were convicted against 359 and 64 acquitted against 66, the percentage of conviction being 85·28 against 84·47. The results of the trial of 28 persons pending from 1322 T. E. are detailed in the subjoined table :—

Sent up.		Acquitted on trial.	Acquitted on compromise	Convicted	Pending		Remarks.
Cases	Persons				Cases.	Persons	
22	28	4	1	20			One case against 2 persons withdrawn and one accused escaped.

33. The percentage of the recovery of stolen property was 29·67 against 15·05 and 40·22 of the preceding two years.

34. There were 5 cases under the State Arms Act in which 5 persons in respect of 4 charge-sheets were convicted. One case was pending trial at the close of the year.

35. One officer and five constables of the State force received money rewards aggregating Rs. 200 from the British authorities in connection with three important arrests—two of the absconding accused being notorious dacoits from across the border ; while one ministerial officer of the Police Department and some men of the British Police force of the neighbouring districts received money rewards of Rs. 50 from the State in three cases of arrest. Three officers of the State similarly received rewards to the amount of Rs. 45 for meritorious arrests. As detailed in Statement III in the Appendix, two officers and six men of the force received punishments of fine, suspension and degradation during the year under report, while two of the men were dismissed for misconduct.

36. Thakur Kamuni Kumar Singha, Probationary Assistant Superintendent, came out successful at the Higher Standard Departmental Examination for Assistant Superintendents of the Government Police.

37. Very satisfactory co-operation prevailed during the year between the State Police and the British Police. The Superintendent took part in two Conferences held respectively at Jorekaran and Comilla in the Tippera District.

38. The Superintendent was altogether out for 63 days during the year under report.

39. The total expenditure incurred in the Department was Rs. 40,278 against Rs. 40,008.

IV. Justice.

40. There were during the year 14 Courts of Justice in the State against 15, exercising both civil and criminal jurisdiction. Of these 13 were Courts of Magistrate-Munsiffs, with original jurisdiction only. The *Khas Adalat* or the

Chief Court had its original and appellate sides, which like the lower courts exercised both civil and criminal jurisdiction.

41. Altogether 1,412 criminal cases were instituted before the several magistracies during the year under report. With the balance of 148 cases pending from 1322 T.E., the total number of cases for disposal before the subordinate criminal courts was thus 1,560 against 1,609, as detailed in the subjoined statement.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	1322 T. E.	1323 T. E.
Offences against the State and public tranquillity	60	76
Offences against the person	461	417
Offences against property	742	717
Other offences	337	350
TOTAL	1,609	1,560

42. The total number of persons under trial, inclusive of the number pending from the previous year, was 1,216. Persons brought to trial. The number actually brought to trial was 1,066, as against 1,299 of the preceding year. Of these, 312 were arrested by the Police, 220 were produced on warrants, 416 appeared on summonses, 110 appeared voluntarily, and 8 were arrested in the presence of Magistrates.

43. Out of the 1,216 persons pending trial, 316 were discharged without trial, 304 were acquitted and 400 convicted; Results of the cases. while 2 died, 5 escaped, 10 were transferred and 179 remained under trial at the end of the year. Of the persons convicted, 158 were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment extending from under a month to 10 years, 223 were sentenced to fine only, and 19 were otherwise punished. The number of persons actually tried was 704 against 983 of the previous year, the percentage of conviction thus being 56.8 as against 60.2.

44. Of the 1,560 cases for disposal, the number in which British subjects were concerned was 500 against 484 of the preceding year. Out of these 500 cases, 242 were Cases concerning British Subjects. cognizable and 258 non-cognizable. In 75 cases British subjects were complainants, in 213 they were the accused, and in 212 cases both the complainants and the accused were British subjects. Altogether there were thus 425 cases against British subjects. The number of persons brought to trial was 333 against 391 of the previous year, of whom 116 were convicted, 162 acquitted or discharged, 2 died, 1 was transferred, and 52 remained under trial at the close of the year.

45. Requisitions were made to the Political Agency, under the Extradition. Extradition Act, for the arrest and surrender of 30 absconding accused. Out of the number 9 were surrendered during the year and 2 appeared of their own accord, while 19 persons remained at large at the end of the year. 7 other persons whose extradition had been asked for in previous years were surrendered during the year under report. The total number brought to trial was

thus 18, of whom 13 were convicted, 1 was discharged and 4 remained under trial at the close of the year.

46. From the following statement of original criminal cases it will appear that, as compared with the previous year, the total number of institutions decreased by 24. The only class of offence in respect of which there was any decline worth notice, was "offences against the person" which fell off by 45.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES	1922 T E.	1923 T L	Increase	Decrease
Offences against the State and public tranquillity	51	66	15	0
Offences against the person	419	374	—	45
Offences against property	656	658	2	—
Other offences	310	314	4	—
TOTAL	1,436	1,412	21	45
				Decrease 24

47. There were 14 commitments to the Sessions during the year and there were 5 cases, with 9 persons as accused, pending from the previous year. Out of these 19 cases, 18 were disposed of, as detailed below. The number of persons accused in these cases was 41, of whom 30 were convicted and 8 acquitted, while 3 escaped.

Description of cases	Disposed of	Pending	Total
Murder	—	1	1
Culpable homicide not amounting to murder	3	—	3
Grievous hurt	3	—	3
Extortion	1	—	1
Kidnapping	2	—	2
Using counterfeit British coin &c	3	—	3
Abetment of forgery of a valuable security	1	—	1
Arson	2	—	2
Rape	1	—	1
Theft and cheating,	1	—	1
Unlawfully receiving stolen property knowing it to be stolen	1	—	1
131	18	1	19

48. There were altogether 227 criminal appeals before the Khaw Adalat. These were disposed of as follows —

Rejected	...	...	...	...	...	9
Judgment affirmed	...	...	...	...	...	95
Modified	...	...	...	...	...	28
Reversed	...	...	...	...	...	37
Further enquiry ordered	...	...	...	...	...	11
						180
Pending	...	...	...	...	...	47
Total						227

49. The percentage of judgments wholly or partly upheld was 71.9 as against 61.7 of the previous year.

50. The number of original civil suits instituted during the year decreased by 43, being 1,433 against 1,476. With the preceding year's balance of 502 suits, the total number for disposal was 1,935. Of these, 1,444 suits were disposed of as per statement subjoined, against 1,419, thus showing an increase in the number of disposals by 25.

Original Civil Suits.

Disposed of <i>ex parte</i>	553
Admitted and compromised	226
Struck off on default	172
Disposed of on contest	493
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	1,444
Pending	215
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Total	1,935

51. The average duration of suits before the civil courts was 3 months and 28 days as against 4 months and 1 day in 1322 T.E.

Average duration.

52. The total value of the suits instituted during the year was Rs. 1,07,769-5-4 *p.*, as against Rs. 1,03,840-4-5 *p.*, which gives an average of Rs. 75-3-3 *p.*, as the value per case. Of the 1,433 suits instituted during the year, 422 related to lands, 731 to money transactions and 280 to other transactions. There were 1,023 suits of the value of Rs. 100 and under; 173 suits of over Rs. 100 and below Rs. 500; 14 suits of over Rs. 500 and below Rs. 1,000; 7 suits of over Rs. 1,000 and below Rs. 5,000; and 1 suit only above the value of Rs. 5,000; while 215 suits were not estimable in money value.

53. The results of applications for the execution of decrees are detailed in Statement XII in the Appendix. 487 applications were filed within the year, and with 275 pending cases, the total number of execution cases was 762. The aggregate value of the new applications was Rs. 43,674-4-0, and with the opening balance of Rs. 33,839-7-0, the value of the pending cases, the total amounted to Rs. 77,513-11-0. The number of applications disposed of was 496, the value of which was Rs. 43,775-13-3 *p.* The number of execution cases pending at the close of the year was 266 with the total value of Rs. 33,737-13-9 *p.*

Execution of decrees.

54. 207 civil appeals were filed during the year as against 155 of 1322 T.E. With the past year's balance of 65 appeals, the total for disposal was 272 as against 194 of the previous year. Out of these, 120 were disposed of during the year under report as against 129, leaving a balance of 152 cases undisposed of.

Civil appeals.

55. The results of the appeals heard are given below :—

Decisions of the lower courts confirmed	67
“ “ “ reversed	27
“ “ “ modified	8
Cases remanded for re-trial	16
Compromised or otherwise disposed of	2
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Total	120

56. The percentage of judgments wholly or partly upheld, excluding the cases compromised, was 63·5 against 68·06 of the previous year.

57. The total value of the appeals filed during the year was Rs. 23,499-3-9 *p.* and the average duration of each appeal was 4 months and 24 days against 5 months and 24 days of the previous year.

58. In the original side of the Khas Adalat 23 applications were filed for the grant of different kinds of certificates. With 1 case pending from the previous year, the total number of such cases was 24, out of which 20 were disposed of as shown below, leaving 4 cases pending at the close of the year.

Probate cases	...	...	...	...	...	1
Succession certificate	...	...	...	...	...	9
Guardianship	..	...	...	...	...	10
Total						20

V. Prisons.

59. There were, as before, 8 Jails in the State during the year under report, and the total number of prisoners in these jails was 613 against 657. Of the number 280 were convicts and 323 under-trials, while 8 were prisoners in the civil side and 2 lunatics. The daily average was 101·02 against 89·46, the variation being explained by the increase in the number of convicts under sentence of imprisonment extending to one year and above.

60. The total number of long-term prisoners was 46, of whom 34 were undergoing various terms of imprisonment extending from two to five years, 7 from five to ten years, and 4 from ten to fourteen years, while 1 was a life convict. 9 of these prisoners were convicted of murder, 11 of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, 3 of theft, 1 of arson, 8 of counterfeiting coins, 13 of rioting and grievous hurt, and the remaining 1 of forgery.

61. The average period of each under-trial prisoner in jail was 23·69. There were 90 prisoners in the several jails at the end of the year, against 96 of the preceding year. Convicts under sentences of rigorous imprisonment were, as before, chiefly employed at the oil-mills and engaged in earth-work. A very profitable work undertaken experimentally at the Sadar Jail was brickmaking.

62. Two deaths occurred in the Sadar Jail during the year, both from fever. The day number of patients attending the jail hospital at Sadar was 215 with 210 cures. 3 cases remained under treatment at the close of the year. The health of the jail population in the Mufassil was good.

63. Three daring cases of escape were reported from the Sadar Jail. One of the prisoners was re-arrested and convicted on trial but he managed to escape again and is still at large.

64. The total receipts from jail labour accounted within the year was Rs. 1,765 against Rs. 1,461 and the total expenditure amounted to Rs. 9,865 against Rs. 8,736. The average cost per day, per prisoner, was thus *as. 4 p. 3* as in the previous year.

VI. Registration.

65. As in the preceding year, there were 8 Registration Offices in the State, and the total number of presentations in these offices was 8,466 against 8,467.

66. The year's presentations are detailed in the subjoined comparative statement :—

Year.	Mortgages.	Sale deeds.	Wills.	Money bonds.	Miscellaneous.
1323 T. E.	2,398	3,560	4	599	1,905
1322 T. E.	2,200	3,293	0	623	2,35*

67. Of the deeds presented for registration, 8,223 were registered and 172 refused, while 71 remained pending at the close of the year. Out of 69 deeds, being the total of the previous year's balance of 61 and 8 deeds pending from 1321 T. E., 58 were registered and 11 refused. Thus the aggregate number of deeds before the Registrars during the year was 8,535, of which 8,281 were registered and 183 refused, leaving 71 pending at the close of the year.

68. The total money value of the deeds registered, including that of the 69 deeds brought forward from the preceding years, as mentioned above, was Rs. 11,21,731, while the aggregate value of the deeds presented during the year, was Rs. 10,48,399 against Rs. 9,47,576.

69. Altogether 22 registration suits were instituted during the year. With 8 suits pending from the previous year, the number for disposal before the Dewan in charge of the Department was 30, of which 15 were decreed, 4 struck off and 4 dismissed, while 7 remained undisposed of at the end of the year.

70. The fees realised amounted to Rs. 8,697 against Rs. 8,396 and the total expenditure—exclusive of the salary of the Registrars—was Rs. 2,626 against Rs. 2,529 of the preceding year.

VII. Municipality.

71. As in the previous year, there was only one Municipality in the State, that at Agartala, the Capital town.

72. Dr. Manimoy Mazumdar L. M. S., State Physician, continued Meetings. to be the Chairman of the Municipal Committee which held 24 meetings during the year under report.

73. The health of the town was on the whole satisfactory. There Health. was a short-lived outbreak of cholera in the winter, with 18 attacks and 12 deaths only. Special measures were adopted by the Committee to arrest the course of the disease. The services of a qualified health officer were retained during a part of the year.

74. The Municipality excavated a tank during the year and Drinking water. cleansed 11 of the existing tanks within the urban area. 5 of these tanks were kept reserved exclusively for drinking purposes, and the river was watched and guarded during the epidemic season.

75. The drainage of the town was attended to, and both the Drainage and conservancy. conservancy and lighting arrangements were tolerably good.

76. The total amount of tax assessed was Rs. 4,343-5-0 in 1,703 Assessment. cases. 32 appeals were preferred against assessments and all of these were disposed of within the year.

77. The total income of the Municipality including a State grant of Rs. 8,400 amounted to Rs. 12,743-5-0 and the total Income and expenditure. expenditure to Rs. 10,709-4-6p. There was thus a balance of Rs. 2,034-0-6p. at the close of the year.

CHAPTER IV—PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.**I. Weather and crops—Agriculture.**

78. The average rainfall of the year was 117·1 inches against Rainfall. 96·45 of the previous year, and 96·07, the average for the preceding five years. Udaipur had the maximum fall of 185·04 inches which was the highest Divisional record during the past quinquennial period. The minimum fall of 74·34 was recorded in the Kailashahar Division. The rainfall was heaviest in *Jaisth*, averaging 32·88 inches against 19·2, the figure for *Asarh* of the previous year, while the minimum fall of 39 was reported in *Pous*.

79. The rainfall was unseasonable in most of the Divisions of the State, being above the normal during the early part Floods. of the year. Heavy floods were reported from Kailashahar, Bilania, Udaipur, Dharmanagar and Khowai Divisions, which caused extensive damage to standing crops. At Kailashahar in particular, the rise in the river was so sudden and so unusually high that it had a paralysing effect upon the people of quite a number of villages in the plains, who were entirely cut off and had to be relieved and removed to the hills. Prompt help was rendered by the Divisional Officer aided by the local staff, but it was sometime before the people

could get over the situation. Assistance also had to be rendered in the hills in some of the Divisions where the people were cut off from the neighbouring markets. Boats laden with food stuff were sent out which moved about in the affected tracts giving relief.

80. Crops generally suffered owing to unseasonable rainfall and also in some cases from rat-pest which was however fortunately disappearing gradually. The heavy rains in the early part of the season hampered the "burning operations" for *Jooming*, and both cotton and oil-seeds yielded poor harvests, while the out-turn of *Joom* paddy was much below the normal. In the plains the later crops were however more successful. The estimate for *Aman* realised was 12 *as*. The yield of mustard-seed was good. No insect-pests were reported from any Division.

81. The year was a bad one in respect of cattle disease which prevailed in almost all the Divisions, specially about the close of the year. Rinder-pest broke out in the Sadar and two other Divisions, though the out-break was short-lived.

82. The people of the plains, who mostly belonged to the agricultural classes were on the whole well off, owing to high prices obtaining in food grains. The hill people, however, fared very badly in consequence of the failure of *Joom* crops, the effects of which were moreover intensified by the rat-pest here and there. State aid had to be rendered to these people, as in the previous year, in the shape of advances and gratuities.

83. The average price of rice ranged between Rs. 4-6 *as*. and Rs. 6-8 *as*. a maund, against Rs. 2-8 *as*. and Rs. 6 of the previous year. The maximum record was Rs. 8 reported from Udaipur. About the close of the year cotton had a very dull market which had quite an embarrassing effect upon the *Joomia*. There was no appreciable variation in the usual rates of wages which continued to be 3 *as*. to 10 *as*. a day, for ordinary labour and Rs. 10 to Rs. 35 a month, for skilled labour. The labour market was comparatively high at Udaipur and Bilania, the rate for ordinary labour in the former place having once risen even to 12 *annas* a day.

84. No tuccavi advances were allowed during the year. The amount of old advances under the head outstanding up to 30th *Chait* 1323 T.E. was Rs. 3,325.

II. Kasipur Farm—Sericulture.

85. The weather conditions in the beginning of the year were not very favourable to a satisfactory maintenance of the progress of the Farm on approved lines. Some preliminary works undertaken were, however, completed and the changes effected thereby appreciably improved the Farm.

86. The Superintendent had to cope with great difficulty about labour, the comparative scarcity of which at Agartala seriously affected all the branches of work.

87. Steps were taken to gradually replace the existing "bush system" of mulberry plantation by the "tree system" as demanding less labour. Altogether 10 maunds of cocoons were produced as the result of the various experiments carried on with different races of worms.

88. Among the agricultural and horticultural crops grown, favourable mention may be made of potato and sugar cane, both of which thrived very well.

89. The interest displayed by the local people in sericulture was maintained. Two apprentices made very good progress in reeling work. The Model School also made satisfactory progress and kept up its usefulness as a suitable agency for the gradual introduction of the industry among the people.

III. Immigration and Emigration.

90. 1,463 families immigrated into and 958 emigrated from the State during the year under report, against 1,892 and 653 respectively of the previous year.

IV. Forest.

91. The total receipts from the forests amounted to Rs. 3,42,255 against Rs. 3,41,991 of the previous year.

92. Towards the close of the year a regulation was issued classifying all timber and declaring several varieties as "reserved", while a reorganization of the Department was initiated.

93. Several more forest *mehals* were brought under *Khas* management during the year. Those resumed in the previous year yielded satisfactory income.

94. The existing arrangement between the Government and the Durbar regarding the collection of the Feni Forest toll revenue was extended to another 5 years.

95. As the result of the interview between the Conservator of Forests of Assam and the Officer-in-charge of the Revenue Department, referred to in para 7 above, it was decided to revise the existing rates of duty on forest produce in the Langai valley with a view to the adoption, so far as practicable, of uniform rates for the State and British forests in the locality.

96. The permit system made satisfactory progress. There were fresh manifestations of hostility on the part of the border British subjects in the Sonamura Division which caused good deal of trouble. The income from the source in that Division however rose to Rs. 21,233 from Rs. 18,000, while sale of permits at the Sonai *mehals* in the Sadar yielded Rs. 15,793.

V. Trade and Manufacture.

97. The principal exports were, as before, rice, timber, cotton, oil-seeds, and various kinds of forest produce. The export of rice is usually considerable ; that of cotton during the last five years is tabulated below :—

1319	1320.	1321.	1322	1323.
51,144 mds	91,208 mds.	70,438 mds.	93,559 mds	44,650 mds.

98. The out-turn of cotton in the State during the year was very poor ; a sudden fall in prices, immediately after harvest, also materially affected the trade in the commodity.

99. The chief articles of import were, as before, ordinary necessaries of life. Among the principal manufactures may be mentioned cotton fabrics made by hillmen and articles of cane and wicker-work, also dug-outs and other things of wood.

VI. Public Works.

100. A noticeable appointment of the year was that of Babu Purna Chandra Maitra L.C.E. as State Engineer, in the place of Rai Sasibhusan Dutt Bahadur, who has since taken over charge of the Sansar Department.

101. As detailed in Statement XX, the total expenditure on account of Public Works, during the year, was Rs. 1,33,903 against Rs. 1,53,855 of the previous year. The establishment charges amounted to Rs. 10,283 against Rs. 9,999. The variation in the expenditure has been explained in Section II, Chapter V.

102. Following is a list of important original works taken up during the year :—

- (1) Two buildings for members of the Raj family.
- (2) *Durgabari* and the *Lakshminarayan* Temple.
- (3) A building for the Tulasibati Girls' School.
- (4) A diversion in the course of the Howra in connection with the Carmichael Bridge.
- (5) A road from Amlighat to Sabrum, 13 miles in length.
- (6) Two bridges and some culverts.

CHAPTER V—REVENUE AND FINANCES.

I. Revenue.

103. As will appear from the subjoined comparative statement, the gross collections in the State amounted to Rs. 10,36,123 against Rs. 11,06,606 and Rs. 10,40,219 respectively, the previous two years' figures, and Rs. 10,47,356 the

quinquennial average. The budget estimate was Rs. 10,30,000. The decrease, as compared with the previous year, was however mainly confined to the duty on cotton and oil-seeds, a necessarily unstable head, which accounted for as much as Rs. 90,710 against Rs. 70,483, the net decrease of the year.

Serial number.	HEADS OF REVENUE	1322 T.E.	1323 T.E.	AS COMPARED WITH 1322 T.E.		REMARKS.
				Increase.	Decrease.	
1	Land Revenue ..	3,42,188	3,59,727	17,539	—	
2	Family Tax in the hills ...	43,915	45,502	1,587	—	
3	Toll on forest produce	3,07,662	3,03,475	—	4,187	
4	Do Do on the Feni River	3,964	4,268	304	—	
5	Tax on cotton and oil seeds	1,85,585	94,875	—	90,710	
6	Elephant & buffalo grazing Mehal	9,177	9,173	—	4	
7	Reserved Sal trees . . .	12,147	14,170	2,023	—	
8	Royalty on elephants caught	806	2,320	1,414	—	
9	Kazai Mehal ..	1,743	1,711	—	32	
10	Excise	19,926	24,382	4,456	—	
11	Stamps and Court fees	49,882	52,549	2,667	—	
12	Law and Justice (Fines)	4,337	3,511	—	826	
13	Process fees	9,694	10,043	349	—	
14	Adda Mehal	17,442	18,038	596	—	
15	Registration	8,449	8,697	248	—	
16	Jail	1,461	1,765	304	—	
17	Cattle pounds	4,415	4,464	49	—	
18	Thatching grass Mehal	8,135	8,849	714	—	
19	Rents of markets	6,944	6,380	—	568	
20	Nazars	27,768	28,701	933	—	
21	Miscellaneous	40,862	33,523	—	7,339	
	TOTAL	11,06,606	10,36,123	33183	1,03,666	Net decrease 70,483

N B—The above are *Sumar* figures which slightly differ from the *Tauji* figures. The *Sumar* includes deposits while the *Tauji* excludes deposits and includes adjustments of suspense accounts.

104. It will be seen from the above that there was during the year an aggregate increase of Rs. 33,183 in respect of 14 heads of income against a total decrease of Rs. 1,03,666 in regard to 7 heads. Excluding Rs. 90,710, the falling off in head no 5, as referred to in para 103, the amount of decrease would stand at Rs. 12,956. Of this again, the decline of Rs. 4,187 in item 3, "Toll on forest produce" was only apparent, being ascribable to the realization of the last *Kist* of revenue on account of certain *Bankar mehals*, by deduction from the security deposits—a process that precluded the entry of the amount in a *Sumar* State ment. The variation in the "Miscellaneous" head needs no explanation.

II Finances

105. Overleaf is given a comparative financial Statement for both the State and the attached Zemindaries.

106. It will appear from the Statement that the opening balance of the year was, Rs. 5,20,193 against Rs. 4,26,505, while the gross collections amounted to Rs. 20,57,552 against Rs. 20,62,246. With law charges recovered, refunds and deposits, the total in the receipt side was thus Rs. 26,58,214 against Rs. 25,69,602. The total expenditure was Rs. 20,56,363 against Rs. 20,49,409, the closing balance being thus Rs. 6,01,851 against Rs. 5,20,193, of which Rs. 2,76,376 was in cash and Rs. 3,25,475 in bonds and advances.

Receipts.	1322 T E	1323 T E.	Expenditure.	1322 T E.	1323 T E.
1. Opening balance. —			1 General Administration charges :—		
(1) State	3,20,780	4,08,436	(a) State	2,68,351	2,77,511
(2) Zemindaries	1,05,725	1,11,757	(b) Zemindaries —		
Total	4,26,505	5,20,193	1. Cost of management	1,21,146	1,21,630
			2 Cost of litigation	1,30,922	1,37,194
			Total	5,20,419	5,36,335
			2 Revenue and Taxes on account of the Zemindaries	2,34,049	2,45,507
			3 Public Works —		
			(a) State	1,53,855	1,33,903
			(b) Zemindaries	61,160	64,523
			Total	2,15,015	1,98,426
			4 Municipality —		
			(a) State	7,960	8,400
			5 Education —		
			(a) State	62,684	60,306
			(b) Zemindaries	8,431	8,884
			Total	71,115	69,280
2 Income —			6 Medical —		
(1) State . .	11,06,606	10,36,123	(a) State	44,886	53,882
(2) Zemindaries	9,55,640	10,21,429	(b) Zemindaries	8,940	11,789
Total	20,62,246	20,57,552	Total	53,826	65,621
			7 Survey and Settlement —		
			(a) State	7,942	5,381
			(b) Zemindaries	11,016	8,435
			Total	18,958	13,816
			8 Geological Survey —		
			9 Agriculture —	1,073	349
			10 Religious Expenses —	6,593	6,253
			(a) State	42,834	46,600
			(b) Zemindaries	5,207	5,393
Law charges recovered —			Total	48,045	51,993
(1) State	—	—	11 Sultanat —		
(2) Zemindaries	43,159	42,137	(a) State	20,734	20,438
			12 Purchase of Landed Tenures		
			(a) State	—	1,995
			(b) Zemindaries	14,147	2,716
			Total	14,147	4,711
			13 Pension and Gratuity		
			(a) State	24,685	23,870
			(b) Zemindaries	5,447	6,205
			Total	30,132	30,075
			14 Ordinary <i>Sansar</i> charges —		
			(a) Ordinary expenses on account of His Highness and family including Jubraj Bahadur	73,126	54,655
			(b) Other branches of the Raj family	1,51,707	1,50,431
			(c) Thakurs	31,212	29,556
			(d) <i>Sansar</i> office establishment	6,810	6,752
			(e) Electric Light	31,991	32,773
			(f) Miscellaneous	36,496	42,665
			Total	3,31,342	3,16,832
			15 Charity —		
			(a) State	12,007	6,548
			(b) Zemindaries	2,318	5,324
			Total	14,325	11,872
			16 His Highness's Nij Tahabil (Privy purse) including expenses on journeys	85,987	1,06,578
			17 Payment of interest on loans —	7,266	7,935
			18 Liabilities liquidated and repayment of deposits		
			(a) State	94,934	98,216
			(b) Zemindaries	2,40,091	2,50,543
			Total	3,35,025	3,48,759
			19 Reception of H H the Governor —		
			(a) State	17,883	—
			(b) Zemindaries	—	—
			Total	17,884	36
			20 Census		
			21 Lamine and Remission of loans and advances —		
			(a) State	257	6,187
			(b) Zemindaries	343	—
			Total	600	6,187
6. Loans —			22 Kheda —		
(1) State	25,000	—	23 Miscellaneous —		
			(a) State	703	—
			(b) Zemindaries	14,208	6,530
			Total	14,911	6,530
			24 Closing Balance		
			(a) State		
			In cash	1,85,255	1,69,518
			In bonds and advances	2,23,181	2,44,623
			Total	4,08,436	4,14,141
			(b) Zemindaries —		
			In cash	25,520	1,06,859
			In bonds and advances	86,237	80,852
			Total	1,11,757	1,87,710
GRAND TOTAL	25,69,602	26,58,214	GRAND TOTAL	25,69,602	26,58,214

107. Important variations in expenditure are noticed below :—

Varia-
tions.

i. ADMINISTRATION CHARGES (STATE)—The increase of Rs. 9,160 under this head was principally due to :—

(a) The purchase of 3 elephants at a cost of Rs. 6,125.

(b) The maintenance of extra collecting staff in the Forest *Mehals* under *Khas* management.

(c) Usual increments allowed to officers.

ii. COST OF LITIGATION—The increase was mainly due to the adjustment of certain charges in connection with the Remachhara Suit.

iii. REVENUE AND TAXES FOR THE ZEMINDARIES—The difference was due to increased cesses and taxes.

iv. PUBLIC WORKS (STATE)—The variation under this head was due to extra expenditure incurred in the preceding year, on the occasion of the visit of H. E. the Governor of Bengal.

v. EDUCATION (STATE)—The decrease was due to the absence of casual expenditure like that incurred during the previous year for sending a *Thakur* boy to America, as also to the reduction in the number of State stipendiaries.

vi. MEDICAL (STATE)—The increased expenditure of the year under this head was mainly necessary for the treatment of Her Highness the late lamented *Iswari*.

vii. RELIGIOUS EXPENSES—The increase was due to special ceremonies performed during the illness of Her late Highness.

viii. ORDINARY EXPENSES OF HIS HIGHNESS—During His Highness's long tours in the interior several charges debitable to this head had to be allocated to the head "EXPENSES ON JOURNEYS", and hence the decrease in the former head is counter-balanced by an increase in the latter. If the two heads are taken together there would be no variation on the whole.

ix. GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION—The total amount shown under this head in the previous year was Rs. 17,884. During the year under report a further sum of Rs. 16,633 was adjusted on the count, which, in the absence of a separate budget head in the year under report, has been shown under head "Liabilities liquidated". The amount contributed to the fund from Chakla up to date is Rs. 29,466.

108. The total amount representing payment of liabilities during the year was Rs. 3,48,759 against Rs. 3,35,025. The

Liabilities

Bank of Bengal loan was duly reduced and stood at 3 lacs. The total amount of liabilities exclusive of the Bank Loan, is now estimated at about 4 lacs.

CHAPTER VI—VITAL STATISTICS.

109. As before, there were 15 charitable dispensaries in the State during the year, 8 of which had arrangements for reception of indoor patients.

110. The total number of new patients under treatment in the several dispensaries and hospitals, as well as the aggregate daily average will appear from the following table.

1322 T.E.				1323 T.E.		
PATIENTS.	Outdoor.	Indoor.	Total.	Outdoor.	Indoor.	Total.
	80,545	492	81,037	81,109	455	81,564
Daily average . . .	382.01	19.14	381.15	371.35	17.90	389.25

111. The total out-door attendance was 1,35,542 against 1,32,133 of the preceding year. With the past year's balance of 12, the total number of indoor patients was 467, of whom 327 were discharged cured, and 110 relieved, while 12 died and 18 remained under treatment at the close of the year. The number of surgical operations performed was 1,582 against 1,776, with 50 major cases against 70. The expenditure incurred on account of the dispensaries amounted to Rs. 44,134 against Rs. 37,084. The variation has been explained in the foregoing Chapter.

112. There were 125 police cases during the year against 108, inclusive of 14 post-mortem cases against 16.

113. The aggregate number of out-door patients attending the Victoria Memorial Hospital was 17,693 against 21,115. The daily average of outdoor attendance was 88.18 against 96.14. Of the 427 indoor patients, including 11 remaining from the past year, 288 were discharged and 110 relieved, while 12 died and 17 remained under treatment. The daily average of indoor patients was 16.98 against 17.97. The number of surgical operations performed stood at 273 including 35 major cases, against 490 with 61 such cases. The total expenditure on account of this institution was Rs. 5,786 against Rs. 6,735.

114. The Edward Memorial Medical School had 57 students on the rolls at the close of the year against 56 of the previous year. 8 boys came out successful in the First L. C. M. S. Examination, 3 being placed in the first and 5 in the second division. In the P. S. Examination 23 boys passed, all in the second division.

115. 4,361 vaccination operations were performed during the year against 4,575 of the previous year. Of the number 4,216 were successful and 145 unsuccessful, against 4,447 and 128 respectively. There was still a good deal of opposition to these operations here and there from the hill people.

116. Public health was on the whole good throughout the year. There were however occasional short-lived outbreaks of cholera in several places in Sadar and Bilania, the disease having taken an epidemic form at Lungthung in the latter Division. 25 cases of small-pox with only one death, were

reported from the hill portion of Sonamura. In all cases special medical arrangements were made and preventive measures adopted.

117. The total number of births reported during the year was 939 against 1,291 and that of deaths 1,210 against 941. These figures, however, are apparently inaccurate showing rather the number brought to notice than representing the actual state of things.

118. The total expenditure incurred in the Department amounted to Rs. 53,882 against Rs. 44,886 of the previous year. The variation has already been explained.

119. The senior State Physician, Dr. A. M. Mullick M. B. retired during the year, and Dr. Monimoy Mazumdar L. M. S. was appointed State Physician in his place, while Dr. Sarat Kumar Datta L. M. S., an outsider, was taken in as Assistant State Physician. Dr. Mazumdar was altogether out for 52 days during the year under report.

CHAPTER VII—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

120. There was no change in the total number of schools maintained by the State which continued to be 149 as in the previous year, and the aggregate numerical strength of the schools—exclusive of that of 22 remaining closed on the last day of the year—was 5,752 against 5,341. The average daily attendance was 4,097·22 (or 71·23 per cent) against 3,798·08 of the preceding year. There were, besides, about the close of the year 27 private Pathsals with a total strength of about 880 pupils.

121. The Umakanta Academy with its feeders at Kailashahar and Bilania had 945 students on the rolls against 886 of the previous year. The average daily attendance was 692·64 against 701·64, thus showing a slight decline. The school sent up 25 boys to the last Matriculation Examination, of whom 24 came out successful, 13 being placed in the first and 11 in the 2nd division. The first three of the successful candidates are entitled to the usual State scholarships of Rs. 12, Rs. 10 and Rs. 8, each tenable for 2 years. The total expenditure on account of these three schools amounted to Rs. 14,831 against Rs. 15,195 of the previous year.

122. There were 5 Middle English Schools during the year against 4, one of the Lower Vernacular Schools having been raised to this status. The total number of pupils attending the M. E. Schools was 620 with a daily average attendance of 474·59, as against 511 and 368·73 respectively, the corresponding figures of the previous year. Each of the schools at Udaipur and Dharmanagar was strengthened during the year by the tentative appointment of an extra teacher. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 4,976 against Rs. 3,801. As before there was only one Higher Vernacular School for boys with a numerical strength of 67 and a daily

average of 49'04, against 67 and 47'78 of the year previous. The expenditure incurred on account of the school was Rs. 532 against Rs. 462.

123. The Tulasibati Girls' School had 67 pupils on the rolls against 76 with an average daily attendance of 45'6 against 51'34. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,233 against Rs. 1,241.

124. The total number of Lower Vernacular Schools rose from 15 to 16 with two additions, both being *Pathsalas* raised to this status, while, as mentioned above, one of the existing schools of the class was raised to a Middle English School. The total number of scholars attending these schools was 927 against 874, with an average attendance of 645'66 against 701'71. The total cost incurred on account of these schools was Rs. 3,019 against Rs. 2,741.

125. There were altogether 117 *Pathsalas*, including schools of the standard exclusively for girls, against 119 of the previous year. The Model *Pathsala* at Kashipur Silk Farm and that at Rajnagar in the Bilania Division were raised to the status of Lower Vernacular Schools, which explains the variation. Eleven of the total number were girls' schools as before, while in some of the rest there were both boy and girl scholars. The boys' schools had 2,746 students on the rolls against 2,571, excluding the numerical strength of 22 schools closed on the last day of the year. The daily average was 1910'09 against 1644'33 of the preceding year. The expenditure under the head amounted to Rs. 7,664 against Rs. 7,623.

126. Altogether 326 students went in for the several State Scholarship Examinations against 341, while 258 of the number came out successful against 232 of the preceding year. The result was thus more satisfactory in respect of the percentage of passes. 240 of the successful candidates were boys and 18 girls, against 218 and 14 respectively of the previous year. 17 boys and 3 girls obtained scholarships varying from Rs. 2 to Rs. 5, tenable, on the usual conditions of continued progress and good conduct, for 2 to 4 years.

127. There were, as in the preceding year, 6 schools of the class of "Special schools". These were (i) the Woodburn Artisan School (ii) the Sanskrit *Tol* and (iii) four Madrassas. The Artisan School had 20 students on the rolls against 27 and the *Tol*, 23 against 22. The aggregate numerical strength of the Madrassas was 190 against 168 of the previous year.

128. The Jubraj Bahadur continued to make satisfactory progress in his studies.

129. Two of the Kumars went in for the University Matriculation Examination during the year and both of them passed in the 2nd division. The arrangement for the education of the other young members of the Raj family was the same as in the year before. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,821 against Rs. 8,252.

130. 8 of the inmates of the Thakur Boarding were discharged during the year and the total number stood at 28 against 26. 2 Thakur boys from the Boarding appeared at the last Matriculation Examination and both passed in the first division.

131. As in the previous year, there were altogether 120 stipends and scholarships of different kinds enjoyed by students of different classes.

132. 1,594 non-Bengalee students were receiving instruction in the different schools of the State during the year against 1,507. Of these 196 were Thakurs against 188 ; 835 Manipuris against 789 ; 436 Tripuras against 427 ; 15 Reangs against 20 ; 52 Kukis against 40 ; and 60 of different other classes against 43. There were thus improvements in respect of all classes except the Reangs. 15 hill scholarships varying from Rs. 2 to Rs. 5 were allowed during the year to deserving pupils from the interior, while there were 6 non-Bengalee students reading abroad as stipendiaries of the State, including the boy prosecuting his studies in America. All of these stipendiaries maintained their progress.

133. 123 students from the hills came out successful in the Reward Examination held in winter in the several centres appointed for the purpose. All the successful candidates as well as their teachers, numbering 30, received money rewards immediately after the examination. This was the first time that the Examination was held and it is hoped that the number of candidates will materially increase in the next examination.

134. 8 teachers appeared at the Departmental Examination for the teachers of Primary Schools, which was held on the 21st and 22nd Falgun=5th and 6th March 1914. The candidates were examined in literature, mathematics, and art of teaching by a Committee appointed for the purpose. Four of the candidates came out successful, 2 in the first and 2 in the 2nd division.

135. All the schools were inspected during the year in accordance with the rules on the subject, the majority of the Pathsalas having been inspected thrice.

136. The total expenditure incurred in the Department amounted to Rs. 60,396 against Rs. 62,684.

CHAPTER VIII—ZEMINDARIES.

I. Chakla Roshnabad.

137. The Manager, Babu Prasanna Kumar Das Gupta B. A., a member of the Bengal Provincial Civil Service, was on privilege leave for 2 months and the charge was in the hands of Babu Jyotindra Prasad Mitra B. L., Assistant Manager during the period.

138. The gross demand of the year was Rs. 8,43,726 against Rs. 8,39,554 in the year previous, showing an increase of Rs. 4,172, and the total receipts amounted to Rs. 9,61,312 against Rs. 8,98,847, giving an increase of Rs. 62,465.

139. The total expenditure, during the year under review was Rs. 9,58,473, of which Rs. 2,35,855 was on account of Land Revenue and Cesses. Rs. 2,39,974 represented repayment of loans, and the management charges amounted to Rs. 1,15,437 or 12·08 per cent of the total receipts. The law charges claimed Rs. 1,11,178 against Rs. 1,18,073.

140. The Bank of Bengal Loan has been reduced to 3 lacs, Rs. 1,00,000 on account of principal and Rs. 24,566 on account of interest and commission, having been paid up during the year.

141. The result of the year's settlement operations are summarized below :—

Kind of Settlement.	Addition to the rent-roll.	Nazarana realised.
	Rs.	Rs.
(1) Railway lands	45	50
(2) Kaimi settlement in towns	—	—
(3) Tashkhichi Do.	46	10,070
(4) Ordinary lease Do.	160	624
(5) Khas Patit	2,266	18,867
(6) Enhancement of rent	526	9,181
(7) Auction purchased holdings	28	4,754
(8) Non-rent paying holdings	38	—
(9) Kaimi settlement in <i>Mafussil</i>	25	3,492
(10) Tashkhichi Do.	38	1,084
(11) Ijara	947	—
TOTAL	4,119	48,122

142. The Manager was on tour for 83 days during the year, while the Assistant Managers of the Central and Southern Divisions were in camp for 85 and 84 days respectively. The Submanager of the Northern Division was out for 70 days.

II. The Sylhet Zemindaries.

143. The Sylhet Zemindaries had an area of about 113 sq. miles and an estimated income of Rs. 60,600. The total expenditure incurred on account of settlement was Rs. 5,839 against Rs. 8,023 of the previous year. The gross receipts amounted to Rs. 60,815 against Rs. 57,056 and the total expenditure to Rs. 31,683 against Rs. 37,132. The variation is due to the extra expenditure incurred in the previous year in settlement work.

CHAPTER IX—MISCELLANEOUS.

144. All the Divisional Officers were out on tours of inspection inside their respective charges. The best personal record was that of the Divisional Officer of Sabrum who was in camp for 96 days. One of the Assistant Collectors of the Sadar Division was out for 86 days. The Divisional Officer of Kailashahar camped for 75 days and his Assistant for 30 days, while the Divisional Officer of Bilania toured for 60 days. The other records were not quite up to the mark.

145. The Officer in charge of the Revenue Department went out inspecting the offices and institutions in the interior and was in camp for 53 days during the year. He also visited the Langai valley and the Jampui hills. The tours of other officers have been mentioned in the respective sections concerned.

Dated, Agartala, }
The 21st June, 1914. }

Brajendra Kishore Deb Barman,
Minister.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.

1323 T.E. (1913-14.)

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I.

*List of the principal Laws and Regulations in force in the Tippera State
during 1323 T.E.*

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Whether introduced during the year under report.
CRIMINAL.		
1. Regulation No. III. of 1280 T. E. ...		
2. Regulation No. I. of 1283 T. E. ...		
3. Jail Regulation, 1283 T. E. ...		
4. Regulation No. IV. of 1283 T. E. (Cattle trespass and pound). ...		
5. Regulation No. III. of 1296 T. E. (Police Regulation). ...		
6. Act No. IV. of 1321 T. E.—Penal Laws (an amending Act) ...		
CIVIL.		
1. Civil Law of 1284 T. E. ...		
2. Rules regarding <i>chit</i> suits (small causes) 1287 and 1300 T. E. ...		
3. Act No. II. of 1313 T. E.—an Act for the regulation of interest on debts.		
4. Act No. II. of 1314 T. E.—Limita- tion Act. ... *	* Partly adapted.	
REVENUE.		
1. Act No. I. of 1286 T. E.—Stamp Act		
2. Act No. I. of 1290 T. E.—Sale Law		
3. Act No. I. of 1296 T. E.—Tenancy Act. ...		
4. Act No. II. of 1296 T. E.— <i>Abkari</i> ...		
5. Act No. II. of 1297 T. E.—Reserved forests. ...		
6. Act No. I. of 1304 T. E.—Duties on <i>til</i> and cotton. ...		
7. Act No. I. of 1306 T. E.—Registra- tion. ... †	† Do.	
8. Survey and Settlement Act, 1309 T. E. ‡	‡ Do.	
9. <i>Tuccavi</i> Regulation, 1310 T. E. ...		
10. Act No. I. of 1313 T. E.—Forests. ..		
11. Act No. I. of 1314 T. E.—(amending the above) ...		
12. A Law imposing export duty on jute and mustard-seed, 1317 T. E. ...		
13. Act No. II. of 1321 T. E. — Ghasuni Act		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
1. An Act promulgating certain rules as Law, 1283 T. E. ...		
2. Regulation for the record of judicial decisions &c., 1284 T. E. ...		
3. Municipal Regulation, 1284 T. E. ...		
4. Legal Practitioners' Regulation. ...		
5. Act No. I. of 1297 T. E.—an Act for the regulation of commissions for the examination of witnesses. ...		
6. Special Regulation against cow slaughter. ...		
7. Rules of evidence. ...		
8. Act I. of 1318 T. E.—Constitution of Courts—(an amending Act.)...		
9. Leave and allowance Rules ... \$	\$ Do.	
10. Act No. I. of 1321 T. E.—Arms Act §	§ Do.	
11. Act No. III. of 1321 T. E.—Constitu- tion of Courts (an amending Act)		
12. Municipal Act No. I of 1322 T. E....		
13. Revenue Sale Amendment Act ...		Yes.
14. Act for the destruction of old records		Do.

II.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Tippera State for 1323 T.E.

Arm of service.	NUMBER OF FIGHTING OFFICERS AND MEN						DETAILS OF FORCE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR.							REMARKS.
	At the end of last year	Recruited this year	Casualties			At the end of the current year	Number of regiments, bat- talions, or batteries.	Number of guns	Number of men				Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, inclu- ding followers.	
			Died	Invalided	Discharged, &c.				European com- missioned officers	Native com- missioned officers	Non-commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Infantry 	229	12	4	—	23	214	1	—	—	—	35	179	Rs 29,208	

III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline, and education of the Police for the year 1323 T.E.

Description of office.	Number.	Pay of grade.	Total cost.	PUNISHMENTS.			REWARDS.		EDUCATION.		REMARKS.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs.									
Superintendent ...	1	350		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Asst. Superintendent ...	1	70		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Probationer ...	1	20		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Inspector ...	4	50 to 60		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Asst. Inspector ...	1	30		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Sub-Inspector or Daroga	16	20 to 35	Rs. 40,278	—	1 (Fined)	—	—	3	163	—	
Drill Instructor ...	1	25		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Naib Daroga ...	17	12 to 15		—	1 (Fined)	—	—	1		—	
Head Constable ...	4	10		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Jamadar ...	2	10 to 12		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Writer Constable ...	16	8 to 10		1	—	—	—	—		—	
Literate Constable ...	6	7 to 8		—	—	—	—	—		—	
Constable ...	173	6 to 8		1	4 (Suspended) 2 (Degraded)	—	—	6		—	
Chowkidar ...	88	4 to 5		—	—	—	—	—		—	

IV.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

State	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage convicted of accused arrested.		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		REMARKS.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Tippera State	814	725	541	379	500	356	359	197	66	64	66.35	77.55*	84.47	85.28*	* Excluding 56 persons acquitted on compromise, 64 pending trial, 2 fled and 3 dead.

N. B.—The result of cases pending from last year has not been shown in this Statement.

V.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		REMARKS.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Tippera State	Rs 15,298-2-9	Rs 12,951-13-9	Rs 2,302-9-0	*Rs 3,934-3-7½	15.05	29.67	* Including Rs. 90-12-0 which was under investigation last year.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

Description of offences.	NUMBER OF OFFENCES.			NUMBER OF PERSONS SENTENCED.											TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.											REMARKS.						
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.	Number of cases disposed of during the past year.	Number of cases disposed of during the present year.	Number of cases awaiting trial.	Number of persons apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Imprisonment and fine.				Whipping.	Total.	Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being insane.	Number of persons died during or before trial.															
									Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.						Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.		Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.	Persons awaiting trial.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Class I. Offences against the State, public tranquillity, safety and justice &c.	cognizable ...	8	43	51	42	40	11	117	40	0	6	0	8	26	0	40	46	0	1	1	1	3	0	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	29	a One person escaped. b Two persons bound down to keep the peace.
	non-cognizable	2	23	25	17	17	8	10	63	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	c Two persons escaped. The case in connection with 1 person transferred.	
Class II. Offences against person.	cognizable ..	25	79	104	124	97	17	122	263	1	15	0	34	12	0	62	32	0	0	2	9	4	2	11	11	5	4	2	0	24	d One person bound down to keep the peace.	
	non-cognizable	18	295	313	294	301	12	174	250	0	2	0	1	45	0	49	116	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	e Two persons bound down to keep the peace.	
Class III. Offences against property.	cognizable ...	53	487	540	494	466	74	453	167	0	42	0	36	83	0	167	217	0	1	16	17	17	15	6	3	4	0	0	0	60	f Two persons bound down to keep the peace.	
	non-cognizable	6	171	177	189	127	20	104	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	g Two persons bound down to keep the peace.	
Class IV. Other offences.	cognizable ..	21	66	87	106	77	10	86	435	2	4	0	0	27	0	33	41	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	h Two persons escaped. The case in connection with 1 person transferred.	
	non-cognizable	15	248	263	195	214	19	150	238	5	1	0	0	20	0	26	99	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	i Two persons bound down to keep the peace.	
Total cognizable	...	107	675	782	766	670	112	778	305	3	67	0	78	154	0	302	336	0	2	22	29	25	17	20	18	10	5	2	0	120	j Twelve persons bound down to keep the peace.	
Total non-cognizable	...	41	737	778	695	719	59	438	95	5	3	1	1	69	0	79	284	0	0	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	59		
GRAND TOTAL	...	148	1412	1560	1461	1389	171	1216	400	8	70	1	79	223	0	381	620	0	2	30	29	26	18	20	18	10	5	2	0	179		

VII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T E.

Name of Court.	NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR		NUMBER OF PERSONS DEALT WITH								PERSONS DISPOSED OF.						REMARKS.
			Remain- ing at the end of last year	Brought to trial in 1323 T. E.					Total.		Dis- charged without trial	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Com- mitted or referred.	Died, escaped, or transfer- red &c.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
	Arrested by Police	Upon warrant		On summons.	Voluntary	Arrested in pre- sence of the Magis- trate	Last year	Present year.									
									Last year	Present year							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sadar Magistracy	422	451	44	122	135	113	3	0	466	418	87	117	163	20	0	31	
Sonamura " ...	259	247	14	42	15	81	27	2	317	181	54	16	52	2	1	56	
Bilonia " ...	176	214	5	22	6	77	39	6	100	155	87	32	19	0	2	15	
Kailashahar " ...	173	133	42	37	27	67	2	0	191	175	21	70	47	7	1	29	
Khowai " ...	67	34	1	15	5	3	1	0	49	25	0	17	3	0	0	0	
Dharmanagar " ...	172	164	26	28	24	17	35	0	175	130	18	38	25	0	8	41	
Udaipur " ..	131	134	6	43	4	54	1	0	154	108	40	18	41	0	2	7	
Sabrum " ...	36	35	3	3	3	4	2	0	21	15	4	5	6	0	0	0	
TOTAL ...	1,436	1,412	141	312	220	416	110	8	1,473	*1,207	316	296	370	32†	14	179	

* Excluding 3 escaped and 6 persons pending before the Court of Sessions at the close of the previous year.

† Including 3 escaped and 6 persons pending from last year, the total number of persons for trial before the Court of Sessions was 41, of these 30 were convicted, 8 acquitted, and 3 escaped.

Statement of Criminal cases in which British Subjects were concerned for 1923 T. E.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES	CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANTS WERE BRITISH SUBJECTS.																	REMARKS	
	Cases pending since the previous year	Cases instituted during the year	Total number of cases.	Cases in which complainants were British subjects	Cases in which both parties were British subjects.	Cases pending since the previous year	Cases instituted during the year.	Total number of cases.	Rejected, Compromised or Dismissed without enquiry	Tried.	Cases pending at the close of the year.	Persons under trial at the close of the previous year	Persons brought to trial during the year.	Total number of persons under trial	Convicted.	Acquitted or Discharged	Died, or Escaped &c		Under trial at the close of the year.
Class I. Offences against the State &c.	2	17	19	2	3	2	15	17	8	5	4	4	17	21	4	13	21	3	
Class II. Offences against person.	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	
Class III. Offences against property.	7	21	28	3	9	7	18	25	15	7	3	2	25	27	10	8	61	8	
Class IV. Other offences.	5	83	88	20	45	5	63	68	53	8	2	7	36	43	6	35	0	2	
	20	156	176	22	65	20	134	154	53	86	15	16	114	130	78	45	61	6	
	4	83	87	10	46	4	73	77	61	5	11	1	52	53	1	25	0	27	
	3	16	19	3	0	3	13	16	2	12	2	2	12	14	10	4	0	0	
	2	78	80	14	43	2	64	66	49	12	5	0	44	44	6	32	0	6	
Total cognizable	32	210	242	30	77	32	180	212	78	110	24	24	168	192	102	70	3	17	
Total non cognizable	11	247	258	45	135	11	202	213	168	26	19	8	133	141	14	92	0	35	
GRAND TOTAL	43	457	500	75	212	43	382	425	246	136	43	32	301	333	116	162	3	52	

a One person died.

b The case in connection with 1 person transferred.

c One person died.

d Of this number 109 were discharged without trial, the cases being rejected, compromised or struck off on default. Excluding 3 died and 52 pending the actual number of persons tried was 109 of whom 116 or 68.6 percent were convicted as against 79.09 percent of the previous year.

IX.

Statement of Extradition Cases for 1923 T. E.

Names of Courts.	Nature of cases.	Number of persons against whom warrants were applied for.	Number of persons arrested and surrendered.	Number of persons who appeared of their own accord or were subsequently arrested within this territory.	Number at large at the close of the year.	Result.		Pending trial at the close of the year.	REMARKS.
						Convicted.	Acquitted or Discharged.		
Sadar Magistracy	Thief and escape from lawful custody	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	The accused were charged in three different cases.
"	Theft of cattle and receiving stolen property	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	
"	Dishonest possession and retention of stolen property	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
"	Theft of forest produce and rescuing offender from lawful custody	6	4	0	2	4	0	0	The two accused were charged in two different cases.
"	Wrongful confinement and theft	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
"	Escape from lawful custody.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Udhampur	Escape from lawful custody	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
"	Kidnaping, robbery and hurt	4	2	1	1	1	0	2	
Bilania	Counterfeiting coin and possessing instruments for counterfeiting coin	4	1	0	3	0	0	1	
Dharmanagar	Escape from lawful custody	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	The two accused were charged in two different cases.
"	Dacoity and causing grievous hurt	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	
Khowai	Rape	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Kailashahar									
Total		30	9	2	19	8	0	3	

X.

Statement showing the results of appeals against decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

TRIBUNALS.	Number of applications.	NUMBER OF PERSONS AND CASES.															REMARKS.	
		Applications rejected.	Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.	Referred.	Further enquiry, &c, ordered.	Pending.						
			Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.											
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.					Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.		Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.
Khas Adalat ...	227	10	9	131	95	44	28	54	37	0	0	0	0	11	11	60	47	

XI.

Civil Work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of during the year 1323 T.E.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		SUITS FILED DURING PRESENT YEAR.										SUITS DISPOSED OF DURING PRESENT YEAR.					Suits not estimable in money.	REMARKS.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Suits re landed property	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000.	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000.	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000.	Ex parte.	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average duration.		
Khas Adalat Original side	3	4	10	9	13	13	9	11	4	2	Rs. a. p. 23,699-15-6	2	5	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	9	0	2	Rs. a. p. 18,098-4-0	0-5-15	1
Sadar Dewani Adalat	112	175	509	604	621	779	446	589	175	190	31,987-2-6	226	266	112	474	64	4	0	0	280	111	46	152	29,614-7-9	0-3-7	62	
Sonamura "	80	101	218	216	298	317	197	201	101	116	8,082-1-9	89	76	51	124	14	0	0	0	106	28	44	23	6,926-8-0	0-3-8	78	
Biloda "	10	25	76	50	86	75	61	58	25	17	2,493-5-6	25	19	6	41	4	0	0	0	11	12	10	25	1,586-6-0	0-6-3	5	
Katlashahar "	162	122	308	231	470	353	348	285	122	68	15,102-4-3	51	169	11	173	32	4	0	0	44	37	16	188	18,373-7-9	0-7-12	22	
Khowai "	13	7	45	55	58	62	51	57	7	5	5,856-2-1	5	19	31	40	13	2	0	0	6	5	14	32	4,555-2-7	0-2-2	0	
Dharmapur "	47	41	151	107	198	148	157	88	41	60	81,081-4-9	14	38	55	54	15	3	0	0	21	16	33	18	3,673-11-6	0-1-20	35	
Udaipur "	17	25	143	153	160	178	135	151	25	27	11,066-6-6	9	132	12	110	30	1	0	0	83	8	7	53	9,893-10-9	0-2-4	12	
Sabrum "	1	2	16	8	17	10	15	4	2	6	383-0-6	1	7	0	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	103-8-3	0-2-9	0	
Total	445	502	1,476	1,433	1,921	1,935	1,419	1,444	502	491	1,077-69-5	422	731	280	1023	173	14	7	1	553	226	172	493	92,725-2-7	0-3-28	215	

NII

Civil Work—Results of Applications for Execution of Decrees, 1933 T.E

Tribunal	Opening balance		Value of opening balance for present year		Applications brought to the Registrar		Total		Disposed of		Closing balance.		Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year			REMARKS
	Past year	Present year			Past year	Present year			Past year	Present year			Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Khas Adalat (Original side)	0	1	Rs a p	519 8 0	3	1	Rs a p	1,389 14 9	3	2	Rs a p	1,909 6 9	1	0	0	
Sadar Dewani Adalat	117	102		13,227 13 0	210	246		21,874 3 3	327	348		35,102 0 9	225	217	102	
Sonamura	16	14		1,498 14 6	43	44		3,614 4 0	59	58		5,113 2 6	45	46	14	
Bilona	2	6		381 10 0	17	7		263 8 3	19	13		645 2 3	13	10	6	
Kalashahar	87	92		9,040 8 3	106	99		6,850 10 6	193	191		15,891 2 9	101	116	92	
Khawai	3	2		561 12 6	6	9		641 6 3	9	11		1,203 2 9	7	10	2	
Dharmanagar	34	30		5,298 14 0	33	22		1,992 2 3	67	52		7,201 0 3	37	34	30	
Udaipur	9	27		3162 3 0	87	54		6,564 10 9	96	79		9,726 13 9	69	53	27	
Sabrum	1	1		148 3 3	1	7		483 8 0	2	8		631 11 3	1	8	0	
Total	269	275		33,839 7 0	506	487		43,674 4 0	775	762		77,313 11 0	500	496	275	
															266	
															33,737-13-9	
															180	
															46	
															40	

XIII.

Civil Work.—Number and results of appeals in civil suits, 1323 T.E.

TRIBUNAL.	Opening balance.		Filed during		Total		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during		HOW DISPOSED OF								Average duration.			
													Decisions confirmed.	Decisions reversed.	Decisions amended.	Cases remanded for retrial	Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.							
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
Khas Adalat . . .	39	65	135	207	194	272	129	130	65	152	Rs. a p.	Ri. a p.	75	67	27	27	6	8	11	16	10	2	Y.m.d.	Y.m.d.
											9,000 6 9	23,499 3 9											0 5 24	0 4 24

XIV

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the jails and lock-ups in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

Stations	Number of prisons.	NUMBER OF PRISONERS				DAILY AVERAGE.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Cost of jail and prisoners.	Average period in days of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.		Past year.	Present year.				
				Past year.	Present year.						
Agartah*	1	81	274	346	355	67'39	83'21	75	Rs. 7,758	33 days.	* Two deaths occurred during the year.
Sonamura	1	11	43	110	54	8'95	7'68	6	949	13'12	
Bilonia	1	—	11	13	11	'34	'41	—	123	13'33	
Kailashahar	1	4	74	41	78	3'17	3'76	3	358	15'26	
Khowai	1	—	28	25	28	1'22	1'82	—	176	17'7	
Dharmanagar	1	—	52	50	52	2'14	2'72	5	236	14'18	
Udaipur	1	—	32	67	32	6'24	1'41	1	185	16'25	
Sabrum	1	—	3	5	3	'01	'01	—	80	5'5	
TOTAL	8	96	517	657	613	89'46	101'02	90	9,865	23'69	

XV.

Registration of documents in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		NATURE OF DOCUMENTS PRESENTED										Documents registered.	Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registration has been refused.	Documents remaining unregistered at the end of the year.	REMARKS.			
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.		Present year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15*	16	17*	18	19*	20	21*	22
Tipperah State	8,467	8,466	2,300	2,398	3,293	3,560	0	4	623	599	2,351	1,905	8,300	8,223	Rs. 10,31,900	Rs. 10,22,892	106	172	61	71	

* In filling up these columns documents pending from last year have not been taken into account.

XVI.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration during the year 1323 T.E.

Description.	PAST YEAR.			PRESENT YEAR.			REMARKS.
	Number of deeds.	Value of property.	Fees realised.	Number of deeds.	Value of property.	Fees realised.	
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
Mortgages	2,200	2,33,651	1,970	2,398	3,20,024	2,084	
Sale deeds	3,293	4,44,192	3,474	3,560	4,78,999	3,860	
Wills	--	--	--	4	1,000	15	
Money bonds	623	52,044	511	599	53,028	506	
Miscellaneous	23,51	2,17,689	2,441	1,905	1,95,348	2,232	
Total ...	8,467	9,47,576	* 8,396	8,466	10,48,399	8,697	
Total Expenditure ...	--	--	2,529	--	--	2,626	
Net Profit ...	--	--	5,867	--	--	6,071	

XVII.
Receipts and expenditure of the Municipalities in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

NAME.	Opening balance.	RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.						Total in the current year.	EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.		Balance at the close of the year.	REMARKS.
		Past.	Present.			Total.	Past.		Present.			
			State grant.	Tax.	Miscellaneous.							
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	'9	10	11	12	
Agartala Municipality	—	7,960	8,400	3,454-14-3*	888 6-9	12,743-5-0	12,743-5-0	7,960	10,709-4-6	2,034-0-6	* Including tax assessed and realised on account of a part of the past year.	

XVIII.

Statement of rainfall in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

STATE.	Baisak	Jaisth.	Asar.	Sravan.	Bhadra.	Asvin.	Kartik.	Agrahayan.	Pous.	Magh.	Falgun.	Chait.	Total.	Total of past year.	Average of past 5 years.	REMARKS.
:Tippera State ...	2 88	32'88	24'9	15'76	13'15	10'7	0'51	1'11	0'39	0'8	11'08	2'94	117'1	96 45	96'07	

XIX.
Statement as to the prices of staple food-grains for the year 1323 T E

Article.	During Chait (past year),				During Chait (present year).				REMARKS.
	Rs.		a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.		
	Rs.		a.	p.					
(1) RICE									
Maximum	0	6	8	0		
Minimum	8	2	6	0		
(2) PADDY									
Maximum	8	3	8	0		
Minimum	4	1	12	0		

XX

Expenditure on Public Works during the year 1323 I E.

Description of work.	STATE FUNDS.			LOCAL FUNDS			* Total.	REMARKS.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
Tanks in different parts of the State	Rs. —	Rs. 1,404	Rs. 1,404	Rs. 650	—	Rs. 650	Rs. 2,054	
Roads and bridges	7,034	9,030	16,064	303	—	303	16,367	
Buildings	54,164	31,214	85,378	—	—	—	85,378	
Miscellaneous work	500	5,221	5,721	—	—	—	5,721	
∴ Total	61,698	46,869	1,08,567	953	—	953	1,09,520	
Minor works at the Rajbari Establishment charges	—	15,053	15,053	—	—	—	15,053	
	—	10,283	10,283	—	—	—	10,283	
GRAND TOTAL	61,698	72,205	1,33,903	953	—	953	1,34,856	

XXI.

Statement showing the excise shops and excise revenue of the Tippera State
during the year 1323 T.E.

Name of State.	COUNTRY SPIRIT.		COUNTRY SPIRIT, OPIMUM AND GANJA.		GANJA AND OPIMUM.		TARL.		TOTAL.		REMARKS.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
Tippera State	4	Rs. 2,066	23	Rs. 20,857	3	Rs. 602	0	Rs. 0	30	Rs. 23,525	

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Tippera State during the year 1323 T.E.

DISPENSARY.	NUMBER OF PATIENTS TREATED. (new)		RESULTS OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS. (new)				Expenditure.	DAILY AVERAGE. (old + new)			NO. OF SURGICAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED.			NO. OF PERSONS VACCINATED DURING THE YEAR.		REMARKS.	
	Outdoor	Indoor	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment.		Outdoor.	Indoor.	Total.	Major.	Minor.	Total.	Successfully.	Unsuccessfully.		Total.
1 Victoria Memorial Hospital at Agartala and the Charitable Dispensary attached to it	17,693	416	277	110	12	17	Rs. 5,786	88.18	16.98	105.16	35	238	273	35	568	593	* Including Rs. 13,775, being the expenditure incurred on account of illness in the Rajfamily.
2. Palace Dispensary	10,475	0	0	0	0	0	29,429*	56.86	0	56.86	0	0	0	42	578	620	
3 Old Agartala	6,467	0	0	0	0	0	1,287	25.49	0	25.49	2	46	48	3	617	620	
4. Bishalgar	4,290	0	0	0	0	0	* 724	20.63	0	20.63	0	98	98	1	342	343	
5. Sonamura	5,639	2	2	0	0	0	803	26.27	.07	26.34	2	205	207	1	431	432	
6. Udaipur	4,877	4	4	0	0	0	701	18.94	.03	18.97	0	37	37	4	151	155	† The work of this Dispensary went on for the last 3 months of the year
7. Mohogpur†	1,749	0	0	0	0	0	324	10.61	0	10.61	1	188	189	8	131	139	
8. Bilonia	6,224	0	0	0	0	0	908	27.87	0	27.87	0	63	63	1	102	103	
9. Rishyamukh	1,879	0	0	0	0	0	186	8.12	0	8.12	4	32	36	0	0	0	
10. Sabroom	3,229	0	0	0	0	0	671	13.01	0	13.01	0	64	64	2	167	169	‡ This figure shows the actual number of outdoor patients treated, the total outdoor attendance during the year being 1,35,542 against 1,32,133 in the previous year.
11. Loongthang	2,503	0	0	0	0	0	535	9.85	0	9.85	2	31	33	23	356	379	
12. Khowai	1,994	0	0	0	0	0	708	7.22	0	7.22	1	132	133	4	170	174	
13. Kailashahar	7,263	17	17	0	0	0	873	27.99	.33	28.32	0	8	8	3	150	153	
14 Kamalpur	2,546	0	0	0	0	0	515	7.54	0	7.54	2	112	114	18	463	481	
15 Dharmanagar	4,281	16	15	0	0	1	684	22.77	.49	23.26	50	1,532	1,582	145	4,216	4,361	
Total	81,109‡	455	315	110	12	18	44,134	371.35	17.90	389.25							

XXI.

XXIII.

Vital statistics of the Tippera State for the year 1323 T.E.

STATE.	Population.	BIRTHS.		Increase.	Decrease.	DEATHS.		Increase.	Decrease.	RATIO PER 1,000 OF POPULATION.				REMARKS.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births.	DEATHS.			
											Past year.	Present year.		
Tippera State ...	2,29,613	1,291	939	—	352	941	1,210	269	—	5'6	4'08	4'09	5'2	

XXIV.

Education Return (A)—Particulars as to the schools maintained during the year 1323 T.E.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS,		Description of Schools,		NUMBER OF PUPILS ON THE ROLLS ON THE LAST DAY OF CHAIT.		DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.		EXPENDITURE,	REMARKS.
Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.		
3	3	High English Schools*	...	886	945	701'64	692'64	Rs. 14,831 4,976	* The U. K. Academy with its two branches at Kailashahar and Bilona.
4	5	Middle English Schools	...	511	620	368'73	474'59		
1	1	Higher Vernacular School for boys	...	67	67	47'78	49'04	532	† In some of these schools boys and girls read together. The work of 22 Pathshalas remaining closed on the last day of Chait, the numerical strength thereof has not been included in showing the total number of students, as also in calculating the daily average.
1	1	Higher Vernacular School for girls	...	76	67	51'34	45'6	1,233	
15	16	Lower Vernacular Schools for boys †	...	874	927	701'71	645'66	3,019	
108	106	Pathshalas for boys †	...	2,571	2,746	1,644'33	1,910'99	6,830	
11	11	Do for girls	...	139	147	109'73	106'72	834	
		Special Schools :—							
4	4	Madrasa	...	168	190	134'76	139'90	681	
1	1	Sanskrit Tol	...	22	23	16'56	15'33	949	
1	1	Woodburn Artisan School	...	27	20	21'5	17'65	4,081	
TOTAL 149	149			5,341	5,752	3,798'08	4,097'22	Rs 37,966	

Education Return (B) Race of Students, 1323 T. E.

Names of Divisions.	No. of Schools.			No. of Students			Race.								Average daily attendance.		Remarks.	
	For boys.	For girls.	Total.	Boys	Girls.	Total	Thakurs	Manipuris	Tripuras.	Reangs.	Kukis.	Bengalee.			Boys.	Girls.		
												Hindus.	Musalmans.	Christians				
1. Sadar Division	52*	2	54	1,989	107	2,096	188	343	264	0	0	721	563	5	12	1,419.84	74.11	* Including the Sanskrit Tol and the Artisan School.
2. Kailashahar "	18	4	22	913	72	985	0	358	22	0	22	311	272	0	0	614.18	55.6	
3. Sonamura "	18	1	19	780	38	818	2	0	15	0	0	162	639	0	0	548.61	34.98	
4. Bilonia "	13	1	14	728	14	742	0	0	0	10	0	422	310	0	0	525.27	14.94	
5. Khowai "	7	1	8	154	17	171	0	53	69	0	0	33	4	0	12	97.08	7.02	
6. Dharmanagar "	13	1	14	486	27	513	0	81	0	0	0	301	130	0	1	362.15	27.79	
7. Udaipur "	11	2	13	248	27	275	6	0	38	4	30	69	115	0	13	165.98	14.79	
8. Sabrum "	5	0	5	141	11	152	0	0	28	1	0	89	12	0	22	123.88	11	
TOTAL	137	12	149	5,439	313	5,752	196	835	436	15	52	2,108	2,045	5	60	3,856.99	240.23	

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